

table, all without intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nominations; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Kiernan, Todman, and Fernandez nominations en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL TERRELL K. TILLERY

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor an exceptional member of the Department of the Air Force. I would like to recognize Lt. Col. Terrell "T" Tillery's distinguished service and dedication to enhancing the relationship between the U.S. Air Force and my office.

Lieutenant Colonel Tillery has distinguished himself through his professional character and leadership by serving our Nation in uniform. A leader and expert communicator, he has provided exemplary service to our country while assigned to the Air Force Senate Liaison Office. Terrell is a career force support officer with experience in manpower, personnel, and services, including assignments as a force support squadron commander, recorder for the USAF Selection Board Secretariat, and a squadron section commander. He has served tours at the base, major command, agency, center and air staff levels. He has deployed in support of Operations Willing Spirit, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Freedom's Sentinel. It was this experience that made Terrell the perfect fit to serve as a legislative liaison officer for the Department of the Air Force for the past 2 years on Capitol Hill.

Terrell served as a legislative liaison officer from July 2019 to May 2021, skillfully performing his duties throughout. His attention to detail and responsiveness strengthened the capabilities of my office in support of our special relationship with the Air Force. Specifically, Terrell shaped numerous engagements between my office and Air Force senior leaders. Of special concern to me was the related dialog concerning the Air Force's future to in-

clude that of the KC-46 and B-21 aircraft, the Next Generation Air Dominance Program, and the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent. Additionally, Terrell's direct support provided me and my staff with critical information necessary for our consideration of two National Defense Authorization Acts.

After concluding this challenging assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Tillery will take command of another U.S. Air Force squadron, this time the 355th Force Support Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, AZ. In closing, I express my gratitude and appreciation to Lieutenant Colonel Tillery for his excellent support of me and my staff in furtherance of the Air Force and Space Force missions and my appreciation to his supportive family, Mrs. Catherine Tillery, and their three children Tucker, Collier and Chandler Grace. I wish this Air Force family all the best in their next chapter of service to our Nation.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

### RECOGNIZING BLUEGRASS FAMILY WELLNESS, PLLC

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I will recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Bluegrass Family Wellness, PLLC, of Crestwood, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 2014, Dr. Molly Rutherford and her husband Chris Rutherford founded Bluegrass Family Wellness, PLLC, in Crestwood, KY. A graduate of Virginia Tech, Dr. Rutherford earned an MPH in epidemiology from Johns Hopkins University and an M.D. from Eastern Virginia Medical School, specializing in family medicine. After 8 years of working in the healthcare sector, Dr. Rutherford and her husband established Bluegrass Family Wellness. Through a direct primary care model, Bluegrass Family Wellness provides individualized, affordable, and accessible medical care for Oldham County and the surrounding area.

As a medical practitioner, Dr. Rutherford has been at the forefront of battling the opioid crisis in Kentucky. She pursued a specialty in addiction medicine, ensuring that Bluegrass Family Wellness treated addiction with an evidence-based approach balancing medication and counseling. From 2018 to 2019, Dr. Rutherford served on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Pain Management Best Practices Intra-Agency Task Force, which produced a report highlighting the connection between pain management and the opioid crisis. Dr. Rutherford served as president of the Kentucky Society of Addiction Medicine. She is a board member of the Unbridled Project, a

nonprofit advocating for evidence-based solutions to the opioid crisis.

Together with her husband Chris, Dr. Rutherford consistently gives back to her community. Locally, Bluegrass Family Wellness has sponsored several Little League teams, the Oldham County Youth Football League, and East Oldham Middle School. They support several charitable organizations, including a scholarship for a City Schoolhouse, a private school in Louisville, KY. Dr. Rutherford and her family are active within their local church community, as well. Notably, Dr. Rutherford is a member of the Coalition for a Healthy Oldham County, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Society for Addiction Medicine, the Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians, and the Indiana State Medical Association.

Like many local physicians, Dr. Rutherford and her team stepped up to keep their community safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the pandemic unfolded, Dr. Rutherford continued seeing patients in person and by telemedicine. She treated COVID-19 patients at her practice and published a peer-reviewed article alongside several physicians regarding early outpatient treatment for COVID-19. Dr. Rutherford consistently spoke out about the negative effects of lockdowns, highlighting impact on individuals battling addiction. Dr. Rutherford published op-eds on the harm school lockdowns caused children, successfully advocating for reopening Jefferson County Public Schools.

Bluegrass Family Wellness, PLLC, is a remarkable example of the critical role that small, family-oriented medical practices play in their communities. Local medical practices like Bluegrass Family Wellness form the heart of towns across Kentucky, regularly stepping up to support their communities in times of crisis. Congratulations to Dr. Rutherford, Chris, and the entire team at Bluegrass Family Wellness. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky. •

### TRIBUTE TO CHASE POUST

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of 7-year-old Chase Poust, of Jacksonville, FL, and thank the brave first responders with the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission whose actions saved Chase's dad, Steven, and 4-year-old sister, Abigail.

On May 28, 2021, Steven, Chase, and Abigail were boating and swimming on the St. Johns River in Jacksonville, FL, when the current pulled 4-year-old Abigail away, causing her to lose grip from the boat. Her father, Steven, jumped in to try to bring her back to safety. At the direction of his dad, Chase swam to get to the shore to find

help, swimming through the river for over an hour.

Within that hour, Steven and Abigail had drifted nearly 2 miles away from the boat, according to Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department; and other agencies, including the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, were called in to expand the search. Thanks to Chase and Jacksonville's brave first responders, Steven and Abigail were successfully rescued and a terrible tragedy was prevented.

Chase's strength and bravery is a reminder that heroes come in all ages and sizes. I applaud the lifesaving actions of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and most of all, Chase, who showed remarkable grit and determination to save his dad and sister.●

#### REMEMBERING SARAH COHEN-DOHERTY

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to recognize an Oregonian who was a champion for children and families in my home State. Sarah Cohen-Doherty was a young Oregonian with a passion for helping those most vulnerable; she left us far too soon. Sarah was known in the Portland community to be a fierce advocate with a generous heart, and she followed that heart into a career in public service.

After getting her master of arts in teaching from Willamette University, Sarah worked as a community impact manager for Social Venture Partners Portland, an organization that invests in local nonprofit organizations and community causes. Every day, she worked tirelessly to put needy people in touch with the organizations that could solve their problems and improve their lives.

Sarah's public service extended outside of work hours. She was instrumental in the effort to pass a county ballot initiative that would go on to fund universal preschool in Multnomah County. In November 2020, several months after her tragic, unexpected passing, that county ballot measure passed thanks to her efforts. If that wasn't enough, somewhere in what I can only assume was the 25th hour of the day, Sarah also volunteered in Portland-area high schools to teach about the Holocaust. Sarah was committed to Oregon's statewide effort to preserve the memories of those lost in the horrific genocide and prevent something so awful from occurring in the future. I am incredibly proud to have known Sarah and was moved by her commitment to equity for all children, especially Portland's youngest.

Sarah is survived by her husband Brian, stepdaughter Maysa, mother Ruth and father Jerry. Her life will be celebrated by a community made better by her service and incredible compassion. The impact she had during her

time here with us will be felt for generations by the children and families she worked so incredibly hard to support and protect. We celebrate her life and the legacy she leaves behind.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:53 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 3 of the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act (Public Law 114-244), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Ms. Stephanie Abney Bryan of Atmore, Alabama.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-1160. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2022; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. STABENOW for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

\*Janie Simms Hipp, of Arkansas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Susanna V. Blume, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

\*Jill Hruby, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy.

\*Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

\*Deborah G. Rosenblum, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

\*Frank Kendall III, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

\*Christopher Paul Maier, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

\*Heidi Shyu, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

By Mr. WYDEN for the Committee on Finance.

\*Jonathan Davidson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

\*Lily Lawrence Batchelder, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

\*Benjamin Harris, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

\*J. Nellie Liang, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Deborah L. Boardman, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Ronald L. Davis, of California, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 2001. A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to exempt from inspection the slaughter of animals and the preparation of carcasses conducted at a custom slaughter facility, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2002. A bill to provide that any termination of a director of a national research institute or national center of the National Institutes of Health be on the basis of malfeasance, neglect of office, or incapacity only; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. COONS, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2003. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2021 through 2023 to provide assistance to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras through bilateral compacts to increase protection of women and children in their homes and communities and reduce female homicides, domestic violence, and sexual assault; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2004. A bill to provide for the basic needs of students at institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2005. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require alternative options for summer food service program delivery; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 2006. A bill to amend the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act to establish an exception to jurisdictional immunity for a foreign state that discharges a biological weapon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):